

## REMARKS

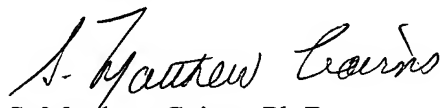
With entry of this Amendment, claims 15-24 are pending in the Application.

Claims 15-24 are fully supported by original claims 1-10 and by the Specification at page 10, lines 8-12 and 24-26 and page 14, lines 7-8.

Independent claims 15 and 22 recite the removal of the porogen using a combination of heat and radiation. Applicants submit that such a combination of heat and radiation to remove the porogens to form a porous dielectric layer after deposition of a metal layer is neither taught nor suggested by anything in the art.

Favorable consideration in the form of a notice of allowance is courteously requested

Respectfully submitted,

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